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News Release

Man Identified and Arrested for Shoplifting Incident

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The Harrisonburg Police Department has identified a shoplifting suspect after receiving several valuable tips from the Crime Solvers hotline.

On March 25, an unknown male took jewelry from Kohl's, 2035 E. Market St., which was worth approximately \$4,000.

The suspect asked an employee to check the price of a piece of jewelry. When the employee turned their back, the suspect took jewelry from the display case.

After seeing the story and the surveillance images in the local media, two Crime Solvers tipsters called to provide pertinent information about the suspect.

On April 9, an officer with the Harrisonburg Police Department obtained a warrant for grand larceny against Arthur Muse, 45, of Harrisonburg. Muse was then arrested by the U.S. Marshals on Wednesday, May 5 in Portsmouth and has since been transferred to the Harrisonburg Rockingham Regional Jail.

"With help from the local media, police were able to identify the suspect through two Crime Solvers tips," said Mary-Hope Vass, HPD's Public Information Officer and Crime Analyst.

Both tipsters will be receiving a financial reward from Crime Solvers.

Crime Solvers is asking these tipsters to call 574-5050 to claim their reward.

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